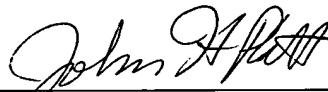


**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendment before examination of the aforementioned patent application. No new matter is added by entry of this amendment. Applicant's attorney would welcome a phone call at the telephone number listed below to discuss the patent application if it would help advance prosecution of this case.

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